

user. Once the consumer verifies that the information contained is accurate, and that it indeed reflects the case he wishes to remove he activates the "Confirm Removal" button which causes the system to update the cases table to reflect the case has been removed (e.g., sets a deleted flag to true for example in the cases table).⁵

Although the invention has been described and pictured in a preferred form with a certain degree of particularity, it is understood that the present disclosure of the preferred form has been made only by way of example, and that numerous changes in the details of construction and combination and arrangement of parts may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as hereinafter claimed. It is intended that the patent shall cover by suitable expression in the appended claims, whatever features of patentable novelty exist in the invention disclosed.¹⁵

What is claimed is:

1. A computerized method for matching potential clients with professional services providers which meet their personalized criteria and are interested in providing particular services to them, said method comprising the steps of:²⁰

presenting a first electronic document including a plurality of data entry devices to said potential clients via a computer network;²⁵

receiving data entered using said data entry devices, said received data being indicative of said criteria;

automatically comparing said received data to data stored in a storage medium to identify one or more suitable professional services providers based upon said criteria;³⁰

automatically generating and transmitting an electronic mail message to said identified one or more service providers via said computer network, said electronic message including information indicative of a portion of said received data; and,³⁵

receiving a response from at least one responding one of said one or more identified service providers, and automatically providing information indicative of another portion of said received data to each said responding one of said service providers.⁴⁰

2. The method of claim 1, wherein said first electronic document includes Hypertext Markup Language (HTML), information.

3. The device of claim 2, wherein said computerized network includes a global interconnection of computers and computer networks.⁴⁵

4. The method of claim 3, wherein said received data was entered using a commercially available browser software package.

5. The method of claim 1, further comprising checking said received data to confirm it is in a proper format.

6. The method of claim 1, further comprising: storing data indicative of said plurality of service providers on said storage medium.⁵⁵

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising automatically storing said received data on said storage medium.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein said received data includes information indicative of information selected from the group consisting of a service provider size, a service provider specialty, a location of services to be provided, an estimated budget for services to be provided and a general description of services to be provided.⁶⁰

9. The method of claim 8, further comprising assigning a unique identifier to each of said received data.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein said received data and unique number are stored in a record.⁶⁵

11. The method of claim 10, wherein said unique number is included in said electronic message.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein said comparing comprises periodically querying said storage medium.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein said professional services are legal services.

14. A system for matching potential clients with professional services providers which meet their personalized criteria and are interested in providing particular services to them comprising:

at least one server being communicable via a computer network;

an application executed by said at least one server; a storage medium accessible by both said application and server; and,

a plurality of suitable microprocessor based devices being communicable with said at least one server via said computer network;

wherein, said application is responsive to requests received by said at least one server from at least one of said suitable microprocessor based devices to present at least one electronic document including a plurality of data entry devices to said microprocessor based devices via said computer network;

wherein, said server receives data entered using said data entry devices and stores said data in said storage medium, said received data being indicative of said criteria;

wherein said application automatically compares said received data to said stored data to identify one or more suitable professional services providers;

wherein said application automatically generates and transmits via said computer network an electronic mail message to said identified one or more service providers, said electronic message including information indicative of a portion of said received data; and,

wherein when said server receives a response from at least one responding one of said one or more identified service providers, said application automatically provides information indicative of another portion of said received data to said responding one of said service providers via said computer network.

15. The system of claim 14, wherein said services are legal services.

16. The system of claim 14, wherein a portion of said stored data is not accessible to said service providers.

17. The system of claim 14, wherein after a given time period, said application selectively automatically makes at least a portion of said stored information available to each of said service providers based upon said stored information.

18. The system of claim 14, wherein said received data includes information indicative of information selected from the group consisting of a service provider size, a service provider specialty, a location of services to be provided, an estimated budget for services to be provided and a general description of services to be provided.⁵⁵

19. The system of claim 14, wherein said comparing comprises periodically querying said storage medium.

20. The system of claim 14, wherein said suitable microprocessor based devices include computers executing a browser software application.⁶⁰

21. A system for matching potential clients with professional services providers which meet their personalized criteria and are interested in providing particular legal services to them comprising:

at least one server being communicable via a computer network;

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an application executed by said at least one server;
a storage medium accessible by both said application and
server; and,
a plurality of suitable microprocessor based devices being
communicable with said at least one server via said
computer network;
wherein said application is responsive to requests
received by said at least one server from at least one of
said suitable microprocessor based devices to present at
least one electronic document including a plurality of
data entry devices to said microprocessor based devices
via said computer network;
wherein said server receives data entered using said data
entry devices and stores said data in said storage 15
medium, said received data being indicative of said
criteria;

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wherein said application automatically compares said
received data to said stored data to identify one or more
suitable professional services providers;
wherein after a given time period, said application selectively
automatically generates and transmits via said
computer network an electronic mail message to said
identified one or more service providers, said electronic
message including information indicative of a portion
of said received data; and,
wherein when said server receives a response from at least
one responding one of said one or more identified
service providers, said application automatically pro-
vides information indicative of another portion of said
received data to said responding one of said service
providers via said computer network.

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